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1. CHILEAN INDEPENDENCE HOLIDAY WAS QUIET IN SANTIAGO AND APPARENTLY ELSEWHERE IN COUNTRY AS WELL. CUSTOMARY MILITARY PARADES DID NOT TAKE PLACE, IN ORDER AVOID POSSIBLE OCCASION FOR ACTION BY EXTREMISTS OR AGITATORS. MOVIE AND OTHER THEATERS WERE ALLOWED TO REOPEN. ONLY HOLIDAY CEREMONY IN SANTIAGO WAS ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH COMMUNITIES UNDER LEADERSHIP OF ARCHBISHOP OF SANTIAGO RAUL CARDINAL SILVA, ATTENDED BY GOC AUTHORITIES AND TO WHICH DIPLOMATIC CORPS WAS NOT INVITED. HOLIDAY MESSAGE ISSUED BY COUNCIL OF GOVT (JUNTA DE GOBIERNO) STRESSED THEMES OF ACHIEVING UNITY OF ALL CHILEANS AND ESCHEWING ANY RANCOR. ASIDE FROM UBIQUITOUS MILITARY PATROLS, ONLY UNUSUAL NOTE IN SANTIAGO WAS LATE AFTERNOON BUZZING OF CITY BY LOW-FLYING FACH JET AIRCRAFT.

2. RAPID RETURN TO NORMALITY IF PRINCIPAL THRUST OF GOVT ACTIONS REFLECTED IN TODAY'S PRESS AND MEDIA. EXECUTIVE VP GENERAL NUNO
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OF GOVT DEVELOPMENT CORP (CORFO) APPOINTED DELEGATES TO OVERSEE

RESUMPTION OF ACTIVITIES BY ITS NUMEROUS DEPENDENT ENTERPRISES, APPARENTLY CHOOSING QUALIFIED TECHNICIANS FOR THESE JOBS. RAILROADS AND INTERNAL NATIONAL AIRLINE (LAN) FLIGHTS OPERATING AGAIN. LIFTING OF PRESS CENSORSHIP OF COPY FILED BY FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WAS MADE PUBLIC. SANTIAGO CURFEW TONIGHT WILL START AT 2000 AND END TOMORROW AT 0700.

3. FONMINISTRY SOURCE INFORMAS US THAT ON SEPT 15 CHILE NOTIFIED DPRK OF BREAK IN RELATIONS AND THAT NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR AND STAFF WILL DEPART FOR PYONGYANG SHORTLY. SAME SOURCE SAID NOTICE OF INSTALLATION OF NEW GOC WAS NOT RPT NOT SENT TO ALBANIAN AND GDR EMBASSIES. ACCORDING RADIO, NOTE CONVEYING RECOGNITION BY FRANCE DELIVERED TO FONMINISTRY TODAY.

4. TODAY'S "MERCURIO" CARRIED LA PAZ STORIES THAT 315 BOLIVIAN LEFTISTS EXPELLED FROM CHILE AND THAT BOLIVIAN TROOPS HAVE DONATED LARGE AMOUNT OF BLOOD FOR CHILE. LOCAL DATELINE STORY REPORTS MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FOR NEW GOC RECEIVED FROM LARGE NUMBER OF CHILEANS RESIDENT IN SAN FRANCISCO (CALIFORNIA).

5. NO REPORTS OF ANY INJURIES TO AMERICANS.

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